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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 416

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Mr. Riley Bill Cobb of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Riley Bill Cobb; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was a distinguished gentleman who gave of his time and remarkable talents to enhance the quality of life in his community and in his profession; and

WHEREAS, Riley Cobb served with valor and distinction as a member of the United States Marines, Fast Company from 1992-96, and during his military career he was deployed to several countries to provide security for armed forces personnel and civilians; and

WHEREAS, For his participation in the occupation of Somalia he was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and

WHEREAS, Riley graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1999 with a degree in Early Childhood Development and was employed by the Kingsport City School System as a pre-school teacher at the Palmer Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was an active and devout member of the Riverview Baptist Church in Elizabethton, which he served faithfully as a teacher, usher and as a member of the Holy Communion Committee; and

WHEREAS, Riley was an avid sportsman and hunter and belonged to the Unaka Rod and Gun Club; and

WHEREAS, Riley was also deeply devoted to his family, including his beloved wife Kara Elizabeth McGinnis Cobb, was the proud father of Christopher Lewis Cobb, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, He leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in professional life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Riley Bill Cobb of Elizabethton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Cobb.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.